

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A printing apparatus has a plurality of image forming sections that are removably attached to a body of the printing apparatus and form images of different colors. The apparatus includes a specifying unit such as an operation panel and a control unit. The specifying unit specifies an image forming section that performs printing. The control unit controls the image forming section specified by the specifying unit to form an image of a corresponding color. The apparatus further includes a plurality of detectors that detect the presence and absence of corresponding image forming sections in the body. When the detector detects that a specified image forming section is present, the control unit controls the specified image forming section to operate. When the detector detects that the specified image forming section specified is absent, the control unit does not control the specified image forming section to operate.